HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Examiner: C. RODRIGUEZ G. SCHINAZI ET AL. ROBERT 10/791,682 Art Unit: 3763 Serial No.: Filed: MARCH 2, 2004 Confirmation No.: 2590 Deposit Account: 04-1403 Title: FLOW RESTRICTOR DEVICE Customer No.: 22827 FOR A MEDICAL APPARATUS Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **AMENDMENT** This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto. Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below: Claims Highest remaining number Additional previously Present amendment paid for Extra Fee

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